

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A conveying device comprising:
at least one conveying body (10) as well as,
rolling bodies (1 and 1', resp., and 8) in operational connection with the conveying body (10),
at least one connecting body (4).
wherein the rolling bodies (1 and 1', resp., and 8) comprise a plurality of rollers (2, 2', 2'') and the rolling bodies are arranged between guide rails (6 and 6', resp., and 5') and the at least one conveying body in such a manner that the rollers (2, 2', 2''), during displacement of the at least one conveying body, are rotatable,
wherein the conveying device is operable with curvatures in different directions of curvature, ~~and~~
wherein one connecting body (4) per rolling body (1, 1') is present such that the connecting bodies (4) determine a distance between the rollers (2), and that guide rails (6, 6', 5') and conveying bodies (10) are loosely guided with respect to one another, and
wherein the rolling bodies (1, 1') are connected together as a unit in a

direction transverse to the direction of conveyance.

2. (Previously Presented) The conveying device in accordance with claim 1, comprising a plurality of conveying bodies (10), which are arranged between rolling bodies (1, 1', 8) and guiding rails (6 and 6', resp., and 5') such that the rollers (2, 2', 2'') are freely rotatable when shifting at least one conveying body (10).
3. (Previously Presented) The conveying device in accordance with claim 1, wherein two rolling bodies (1 and 1') are arranged opposite one another at a straight angle relative to one conveying body or to several conveying bodies (10) and are operatively connected with the conveying body or the conveying bodies (10) and the guide rails (6 and 6').
4. (Previously Presented) The conveying device in accordance with claim 1, wherein two rolling bodies (1 and 1') are arranged opposite one another, not at a straight angle relative to one conveying body or to several conveying bodies (10), and are in an operational connection with the conveying body or the conveying bodies (10) and with the guide rails (6 and 6').
5. (Previously Presented) The conveying device in accordance with claim 2, wherein three rolling bodies (1, 1', 8) are arranged relative to at least one conveying body (10) in such a manner that mutually supporting one another they act to oppose the forces which the at least one conveying body (10) exerts on the rolling bodies (1, 1', 8) and for their part support themselves on the guide rails (6, 6', 5').

6. (Previously Presented) The conveying device in accordance with claim 5, wherein relative to two rolling bodies (1 and 1') at a straight angle opposing each other relative to at least one conveying body (10), a third rolling body (8) is arranged at a right angle to the at least one conveying body.

7. (Previously Presented) The conveying device according to claim 1, wherein the connecting bodies (4) comprise receptacles (22) and that the rolling bodies (1, 1', 8) are supported in these receptacles (22) and are rotatable around an axis, wherein the axis is defined in particular by pointed cones (24) formed on the rollers (2, 2').

8. (Previously Presented) The conveying device in accordance with claim 7, wherein the axes (3) respectively are arranged on one side of a ribbon-shaped connecting body (4) and that on these axes, the rollers (2) are freely rotatable.

9. (Previously Presented) The conveying device in accordance with claim 7, wherein the connecting bodies (4, 13) of the rolling bodies (1, 1', 8) consist of an elastic material.

10. (Previously Presented) The conveying device in accordance with claim 3, wherein at least one rolling body consists of balls (2').

11. (Currently Amended) The conveying device in accordance with claim 1,

wherein the operational connection between rolling bodies (1, 1', 8) and the at least one conveying body (10) or a plurality of conveying bodies (10) is achieved by ~~engagement grooves, respectively,~~ guide grooves (7, 11) for the engagement of rollers (2) or balls (2') of the rolling bodies.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) The conveying device in accordance with claim 9, wherein the rolling bodies are connected together as a unit transverse to the direction of conveyance with an elastic means of connection (4, 4').

14. (Currently Amended) The conveying device in accordance with claim 13, wherein the operational connection between rolling bodies (1, 1', 8) and the at least one conveying body (10) or a plurality of conveying bodies (10) is effected by ~~contact grooves, respectively,~~ guide grooves (7, 11) for the engagement of rollers (2) or balls (2') of the rolling bodies.

15. (Previously Presented) The conveying device in accordance with claim 1, wherein two guide rails (6, 6') form a unit.

16. (Currently Amended) The conveying device in accordance with claim ~~14~~15, wherein conveying bodies (10), for the engagement in one of the two guide rails, comprise movable rollers (2, 2', 2'') or fixed rollers.

17. (Previously Presented) The conveying device in accordance with claim 16, wherein the conveying bodies (10) for the engagement in one of the two guide rails comprise a guide groove (11) for the rollers (2, 2', 2").

18. (Previously Presented) The conveying device in accordance with claim 1, wherein each rolling body (1, 1') consists of unconnected rollers (2, 2', 2") and the rollers (2, 2', 2") are arranged in a receptacle (22) for rolling bodies in spacer cages (27) not connected with one another.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Previously Presented) The conveying device in accordance with claim 1, wherein the rolling bodies (1, 1') comprise axle elements (3, 24) and the rollers (2) are rotatably arranged around these axle elements (3, 24).

21. (Previously Presented) The conveying device in accordance with claim 2, wherein means (12) for the attachment of means for temporarily holding articles to be conveyed are provided on the conveying bodies (10).

22. (Previously Presented) The conveying device in accordance with claim 2, wherein conveying bodies (10) are connected to one another with a connecting means (13) for the conveying bodies.

23. (Previously Presented) The conveying device in accordance with claim 1,

wherein the conveying device is a device closed in itself, in which all conveying bodies (10) are in engagement with one another and the rolling bodies (1, 1', 8) as well as the guide rails (6, 6', 5') lead back into themselves.

24. (Previously Presented) The conveying device in accordance with the claim 2, wherein the conveying bodies (10) are designed in such a manner that they are capable of being driven by means of a drive (19).

25. (Currently Amended) ~~Utilisation~~Use of the device in accordance with claim 1, for the conveyance of flat products, preferably printed products.

26. (Withdrawn) A method for the conveyance of articles, wherein a conveying body for the conveyance of a product on and/or between rolling bodies, which are in contact with guide rails, is moved in such a manner, that the conditions:

$$V_{\text{Guide rail}} = 0 \quad \text{and}$$

$$V_{\text{Rolling body}} < V_{\text{Conveying body}}$$

are fulfilled.

27. (Withdrawn) Utilisation of the device in accordance with claim 1, for the conveyance of packages and of traveling luggage.

28. (Currently Amended) A conveying device comprising:
at least one conveying body (10) as well as,

a rolling body (1) in operational connection with the conveying body (10),
at least one connecting body,

wherein the rolling body (1) comprises a plurality of rollers (2, 2', 2'') and the rolling body is arranged between guide rails (6 and 6', resp., and 5') and the at least one conveying body in such a manner that the rollers (2, 2', 2''), during displacement of the at least one conveying body, are rotatable,

wherein the conveying device is operable with curvatures in different directions of curvature,

wherein one connecting body (4) is present such that the connecting body (4) determines a distance between the rollers (2), and that guide rails (6, 6', 5') and conveying bodies (10) are loosely guided with respect to one another, and

wherein the at least one conveying body (10) rolls up over the rolling body (1) on a first side of the guide rail (6), and the at least one conveying body (10) comprises further rollers (2), which roll on a second side of the guide rail (6).

29. (New) The conveying device, in accordance with claim 1, wherein the rolling bodies are connected, in a direction transverse to the direction of conveyance, by means of connecting bodies.

30. (New) The conveying device in accordance with claim 29, wherein the connecting bodies are connected to one another in an articulated manner.

31. (New) The conveying device in accordance with claim 29, wherein each connecting body comprises receptacles, each receptacle for receiving one roller or

ball of the rolling bodies.